

# Delaware State Police Troop 3 kicks off “STaRS” Program





**Kent County**– The Delaware State Police Troop 3 in partnership with the Caesar Rodney School District kicked off its new pilot program called STaRS, “State Troopers actively Reaching Students”! The event took place today at the Allen Frear Elementary School located in Camden.

The event was a huge successes including a collaboration of Troopers from various units as well as Delaware State Police Troop 3’s Commander, Captain Joshua Bushweller. It was a great opportunity for troopers to engage in positive conversations with students during their lunchtime. The students were extremely receptive in speaking with the Troopers and it provided them the opportunity to forge lasting relationships with the Law Enforcement community. Captain Bushweller stated, “The STaRS program is a wonderful opportunity for our troopers to reach elementary aged students in nontraditional law enforcement means. The program is aimed to foster an inclusive environment that builds a better understanding of what law enforcement officers do, while also strengthening the trust of the police. We accomplish this by uniformed troopers engaging in normal casual conversation and enjoying lunch with the kids.”

Troopers from Troop 3 will be visiting two elementary schools per week within the Caesar Rodney School District during the students’ lunchtime. The goal is that the STaRS program continues to be a success in which partnerships merge with Law Enforcement and other school districts throughout the entire state!

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